

Van Buskirk-Ackerman House
East Saddle River Road
Saddle River, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Van Buskirk-Ackerman House
East Saddle River Road
Saddle River, Bergen County, New Jersey

Owner: David Wallace Robinson

Date of Erection: 1824

Architect:

Builder: Thomas Van Buskirk

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - fieldstone
and sandstone

Exterior walls - frame
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - lath
and plaster

Floor - wide boards on
hand hewn beams

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This house was built as a wedding gift by Thomas Van Buskirk. Van Buskirk had three daughters to each of whom he gave a long strip of land with one end fronting on Saddle River. The land was part

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of a twelve hundred acre purchase by Albrecht Zaborowski from the Indians in 1702. Zaborowski sold half of this tract in 1708 to Thomas Van Buskirk, the great grandfather of the builder of this house. Just before Maria married Garret Ackerman, Thomas Van Buskirk started this house on the second strip of land. The first strip of land contained the homestead built in 1798. Later on Garret Ackerman built an extension to the original house.

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